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SUBJECT: FSLN TRANS-BORDER RAIDS

REF: (A) MANAGUA 3368, (B) SAN JOSE 3153

1. CHARGE AUTHORIZED TO TELL SOMOZA THAT USG IS CONCERNED ABOUT FORAYS BY ANY GUERRILLA GROUP FROM ONE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY INTO ANOTHER. YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA DISCUSSED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND FSLN ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICA WITHIN PAST SEVERAL DAYS (REF B) WITH PRESIDENT CARAZO, AND SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF SOMOZA'S REQUEST, U.S. AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER AGAIN WITH COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. YOU MAY FURTHER STATE THAT WE WERE ASSURED GOVERNMENT
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OF COSTA RICA SHARES OUR CONCERN AND IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE USE OF COSTA RICA AS A BASE FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND RAIDS AGAINST NICARAGUA. YOU MAY NOTE THAT GOCR INDICATED IT HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH SOMOZA AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF GON REGARDING THIS PROBLEM, THAT FONMIN IS WORKING TO FURTHER INSTITUTIONALIZE MORE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS AT OPERATIONAL

LEVELS, AND THAT THE FONMIN ASSURED OUR AMBASSADOR THAT COOPERATION AND VIGILANCE WOULD CONTINUE WITHIN COSTA RICA'S CAPACITY.

3. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT GIVEN THE DIFFICULTY OF CONTROLLING MOVEMENT ACROSS THIS LONG AND SPARSELY POPULATED BORDER AND COSTA RICA'S EVIDENT DESIRE TO COOPERATE, THE USG STRONGLY URGES THAT THE GON CONTINUE TO APPROACH THIS PROBLEM THROUGH CLOSER CONTACT AND COOPERATION WITH COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES RATHER THAN THROUGH DIRECT PURSUIT OF GUERRILLAS ON TO COSTA RICAN TERRITORY. VANCE

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